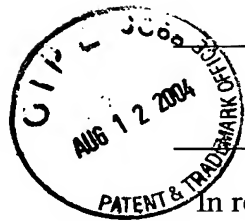


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Masayuki Masuda, et al.

Attorney Docket No.: OMRNP018

Application No.: 10/091,113

Examiner: R.B. Patel

Filed: February 28, 2002

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response To Requirement For Restriction for the above-identified application.

- ☒ Applicants believe that no Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicants hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. OMRNP018).
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. OMRNP018).

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction dated July 16, 2004 as among Group I consisting of claims 1-5 and 8, Group II consisting of claim 8, Group III consisting of claim 7, Group IV consisting of claim 9, Group V consisting of claim 10, Group VI consisting of claim 11 and Group VII consisting of claim 12, applicant hereby elects Group I consisting of claims 1-5 and 8 to be examined first. The election is without traverse and does not affect the inventorship.

It now goes without saying that applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application or divisional applications regarding the remaining Groups currently not elected.

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